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Al-Sayyid: Arab and African military delegations have visited Egypt over the years and this has resulted in the export of Egyptian weapons. Negotiations are under way with some Arab countries. Other countries hope to obtain Egyptian weapons. But many times they do not announce it and we respect their wish. Egyptian weapons have been exported to Arab and African countries in recent years. [passage omitted]

Al-Khalij: What new Egyptian products will be exhibited in the arms fair [to be held in Cairo 9-13 November]?

Al-Sayyid: A lot of Egyptian military hardware will be exhibited for the first time, including the mixed missile system Sinai-23. It is an armored car equipped with a dual 23-mm gun, six 'Ayn al-Saqr missiles, and a firing command unit guided by a search-and-follow radar.

We will also exhibit for the first time the Egyptian-manufactured U.S. TPS-63 radar; Egyptian-manufactured U.S., French, and British electronic equipment; the Egyptian surface-to-air missile Saqr-80; the 122-mm self-propelled gun; and a number of Egyptian alterations and additions to such aircraft as the Mirage-5, the Phantom, the MIG-21, and the Mi-80 helicopter. [passage omitted]

Libya

Al-Qadhdhafi Discusses Upcoming Amman Summit
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["Full recording" of statement by Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi at a meeting with Arab journalists in Tripoli on 2 November]

[Text] I want to say something about the upcoming summit in Amman. I want to confirm that I will not attend it. This is because I wonder who decided to hold this conference, who chose Amman as its venue, and who set its date. We belong to the Arab League and we attended the meeting of foreign ministers, the Ministerial Council. This was not decided. We contacted the Arab states; each one said it had no knowledge of either the date or place of the summit. Therefore, who fixed this date and place? The answer, naturally, is the United States. I have the answer: It was the United States that decided when this summit should be held, that it should be held in Amman, and that King Husayn himself should chair it. Furthermore, why is this an emergency summit? What is the emergency? If they are referring to the Gulf war, it has been going on for 7 years. It did not break out today so that an emergency summit should be held to deal with an urgent event. An emergency summit should have been held when the United States and NATO attacked Libya and struck Libyan cities. Why was there no emergency Arab summit? Because such a conference would have opposed U.S. aggression. This conference has now been ordered by the United States, and for that reason it is being held with such speed and decisiveness,

without any obstacles. But why an emergency summit ordered by the United States, and expressly for the Gulf war, despite the fact that this conflict has now entered its 7th or 8th year?

The reason is that in recent weeks, the Gulf war has for the first time come closer to affecting actual U.S. interests. Consequently, the situation requires that an emergency summit be held to defend U.S. interests so that the Arabs, on behalf of the United States, defend U.S. interests in the Gulf. In reality, Iraq is not a U.S. sphere of influence. It has no U.S. military bases. Iraq is considered as one of the revolutionary and progressive Arab states that follows a socialist and progressive line. When the war was solely against Iraq, the United States even secretly provided Iran with arms. Thus, what has now frightened the United States and made it desire an end to the Gulf war? If it wanted to end the war against Iraq, it would have done so and urgently called for this from the start of the conflict. It would not have secretly supplied Iran with arms. However, the United States wants to end the war, not against Iraq, but against the Gulf, the peninsula, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and these regions. This is because in recent weeks, the war has come closer to the vital interests of the United States. After all, the United States has military bases on the Arabian Peninsula, which is where the oil that finances the United States, as well as the money that is deposited in U.S. and Israeli banks, come from. The war has now effectively come closer to the red line drawn by the United States. Consequently, Washington has ordered the Arabs to hold an emergency summit in Amman—since Amman is completely subjugated to the United States and Israel—so that they may fight Iran on its behalf. I therefore refuse to attend this conference, which has been ordered by the United States. It is being held specifically to fight Iran and is being convened specifically to defend U.S. interests in the Gulf region.

Had it been a summit aimed at ending the war between Iran and Iraq, I would have attended it. I still insist that it is this war, which is specifically between Iraq and Iran, that should be halted, not the war between Iran and the other countries under U.S. influence or the war between Iran and the United States. I am talking about the war between Iran and Iraq, which is a mad and meaningless war. It should be ended. I oppose it and I consider it a pointless conflict. It is crazy to continue this war. If there were a summit to end the Iran-Iraq war, I would be the first to attend. As for this summit, I tell the Arab nation that there is a great deal of thoughtlessness and plotting. I especially say to the wise and kind Arab rulers who think that this summit is an Arab summit conference: This conference was not decided upon by the Arabs; it was decided upon by the United States so that the Arabs would defend U.S. interests when the Gulf war came closer to vital U.S. interests in the Arabian Peninsula.

Arab citizens, with Libyan nationals, Arab Libyan nationals at their forefront, are not saddened by the burning of Gulf oil that was swallowed up by the war.

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This is because Arab nationals do not benefit from this oil. Any Arab citizen could benefit from Gulf oil. The Libyans have built the eighth wonder of the world, a great 7,000-km man-made river. It is costing billions [currency not specified]. Its cost is being met by Libyans, without so much as a penny or a riyal contributed by Arab oil in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, or this region for this great historic effort. It is neither a military nor a political project, so one should say that it has other objectives. This is a work of civilization, a humanitarian project of agriculture and water. How can Libyans be saddened if Kuwaiti or Saudi oil is burned? They do not regret this. On the contrary, when these oil facilities were shelled, Libyans clapped. Every Libyan in his house clapped since he would say this oil benefits the Israeli enemy. After all, money made from this oil is deposited in Israeli banks in the United States.

All banks that contain Arab money are Jewish banks. They are financing the Jewish war against the Arabs. As nationals, what have we gained from Arab oil in the Arabian Peninsula? We suffered during the Atlanticist aggression against our cities. These Arab oil states did not contribute to rebuilding our destroyed streets and houses. Here are our houses, right in front of you. They are still in ruins after the U.S.-Atlanticist raids. Arab oil in the Arabian Peninsula did not contribute to rebuilding these houses.

We have confronted and are still confronting France, the United States, Zaire, Chad, and the traitorous, lackey Egyptian regime to the south. These Arab countries, rich with petroleum, did not participate in this confrontation. On the contrary, Saudi Arabia was shown to be financing the war in Chad and paying for the U.S. and French arms given to this dirty imperialist-cum-reactionary alliance opposing the Jamahiriyyah.

However, whose worry is this petroleum? It concerns the United States. Now that the war has come close to this petroleum, the United States has ordered an emergency summit conference. I deeply regret that good Arab rulers, along with lackeys, naturally, are unaware of this folly, this profound disregard for and scorn for their intelligence. They are told to attend an emergency Arab summit. Why don't they ask the reason for this emergency summit? They told me that the reason is the Gulf war. Did the Gulf war break out today, thus this call for an emergency summit? No, the Gulf war has today come close to U.S. interests. The Arabs were therefore instructed to hold an emergency summit to defend U.S. interests. I will accordingly not attend a conference held specifically to defend the interests of the United States of America.

However, I will call for an Arab summit conference to be held following this conspiratorial conference, which is being convened on the orders of the United States. Following the earlier summit, I will work for attendance at an Arab summit, one whose agenda will include the fight against the United States; the boycott of the United

States; the fight against France; the boycott of France; the liberation of Palestine; the creation of an Arab federation according to a charter I will present to them; and the manufacture of an Arab atomic bomb, since the Israelis, with the assistance of the United States, France, Western nations, and Britain, possess it and target it against every Arab country. They are now working day and night to manufacture missiles with a range of 4,000 km that can strike every Arab city from the ocean to the Gulf. The Arabs thus have the right to manufacture nuclear weapons and to acquire the atomic bomb to defend their existence. After all, their enemy possesses this weapon, and atomic bombs are now found in the Middle East. This is the summit that should be held, the one I will attend, the one that actively calls for the unity of the Arabs; the liberation of Palestine; Arab possession of a nuclear deterrent; and the fight against and the boycott of the United States, France, and Britain, the archenemies of the Arab nation:

It would be a farce and a betrayal for any Arab who considers himself a nationalist, progressive, or revolutionary to attend this conference. Indeed, it is a summit in a dubious capital, a summit that has been called by the United States to defend its interests. Al-Quds [Jerusalem] lies within sight of this capital, where this conference is being held not to liberate Al-Quds but instead to confront Iran. Our enemies are not the Iranians; our enemies are the United States and Zionism. These are the Arabs' enemies.

I speak for myself. First of all, I am not a king, a president, or a prince to attend a conference of kings, presidents, and princes; may God prolong their lives so they can see their own end. But Libya, as a member of the Arab League, can and is free to attend any conference. I am not referring to the decision of the people's congresses or the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, which has been directed by the people's congresses to establish the Jamahiriyyah's relations with the outside world. Libya can attend as a member of the Arab League, but I am speaking for myself when I say no to this conference. I do not want to disgrace myself in front of Arab revolutionaries and international revolutionary forces by attending this farce.

From a superficial and naive point of view, it may be said that Libya is isolating itself. However, one who is isolated is isolated by the people. We have all the people with us. We have the masses with us, we have the peoples. If we are isolated by certain governments that are on their deathbed, worn and torn governments that can only survive with the U.S. crutch—how many rulers in the Near East, Middle East, and elsewhere in the world have fallen after leaning on this weak crutch—then we don't see this as isolation. Even if we are isolated by Arab and other lackey governments, this is not isolation. The ones who are isolated are those isolated from the masses and the people. When we are in a position to confront an unjust power such as the United States, we will gain the sympathy of the world. This is what is happening now.

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I am prepared to attend a summit decided on by the Arabs, and not one decided by the United States. By this, I mean that I do not desire to initiate a verbal disagreement with our Arab brothers in the peninsula or to declare all-out media attacks. I am only defining a revolutionary stance, although I know that some lackeys will exploit this to start a media battle between the Arab states. However, we are not in the process of launching a media struggle; we are adopting a clear revolutionary stance that requires no further comment.

If this conference is held for the sake of ending the Gulf war, I would like to stress that the Arabs are incapable of halting this conflict. This is because they can neither fight Iran nor change its mind if it decides to continue the war. This is yet another conspiracy on the part of the United States, one that aims at exposing the Arabs before the world, revealing their utter weakness and their inability to do anything. In actual fact, this summit will result in nothing and will achieve nothing. The Arabs are incapable of fighting Iran even if they decided to do this.

It is meant to display before the entire world their inability to fight this war. If they were able to fight a war, they would have been able to liberate Palestine, which more than anything deserves Arab consensus and Arab liberation. The United States wants to demonstrate the impotence of the Arabs to persuade them they can rely on it, that they have met and decided but were able to do nothing. The United States wants to demonstrate their impotence and to justify their reliance upon itself.

We cannot persuade Iran if it wishes to continue the war. We cannot end this war if Iran wants it to continue. Therefore, there is no importance to an Arab summit to end the Gulf war, nor are we capable of fighting on the side of Iraq.

If this summit were to agree on an international conference, this would then be a conspiracy extremely dangerous for the Arab question. The Israelis and the Americans have declared their concept of an international conference: An international conference is an international umbrella under which direct bilateral talks between the Israeli enemy and the Arab side can be held. Any resulting bilateral agreement would have international legitimacy. No other Arab party would be able to protest it, for it would have been reached under the aegis of an international conference that both sides would have already agreed upon.

By the simple convening of such a conference, King Husayn and the Israelis would meet and agree to capitulation, to surrendering Palestine and the West Bank and Palestinian rights. King Husayn would then become a legitimate custodian of the Jordan River, to prevent the Palestinian fedayeen from liberating their land. Such an agreement would then be signed and for the first time gain legitimacy. The Arabs are already the guardians of Israel, but they would then become custodians in a legitimate, international manner.

There would be bilateral recognition between Israelis and the Lebanese isolationists, led by Al-Jumayyil, under the umbrella of an international conference. Syria would then be forced either to surrender or remain isolated. Syria naturally will not surrender. Consequently, they would want to isolate Syria and force it to withdraw from the Golan so that it could be delivered to international or U.S. forces, just like Sinai. It would be demilitarized and would not seem to be a part of Syria. Golan would not be a part of Syrian territory. This would occur in exchange for Syria's recognition of the Zionist enemy, the Zionist occupation, Syria's acknowledgement that it is the land of Israel and that those are the people of Israel, as the entombed Al-Sadat said. This is the embarrassing situation Syria would be placed in if an international conference is convened.

It also has another price; namely, the resumption of diplomatic relations between the socialist bloc to enable the Soviet Union to participate in this conference. Another high price for Arabs would be the immigration of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union to occupied Palestine. This would be in exchange for allowing the Soviet Union to act as a partner in this international calamity and disaster for the Arab cause.

Furthermore, if a debate on Egypt's return to the Arab League or the resumption of relations, even bilateral, between each Arab country and Cairo, were to be included on the conference agenda, this will also be treason and (?another) collapse. There must be a total Arab boycott of the Egyptian regime and any Arab country that forms any kind of relationship with the treacherous Egyptian regime.

I am certain that there will be violent reactions from the new rejectionist Arab generation to any Arab regime that builds bridges with the treacherous Egyptian regime. Zionism will cross these bridges into every Arab country, just like the fable we used to hear in which a one-eyed Jew will ride his donkey and conquer Arab countries. The donkey is Egypt and the one-eyed Jew is Moshe Dayan. Indeed, it started in Moshe Dayan's days, and this Jew will ride it to conquer Arab countries. Egypt is now announcing the glad tidings of renewed relations between the Zionist enemy and the world. It went to the African states and convinced them to restore relations with the Zionist enemy. Egypt has destroyed 20 years of work by 'Abd al-Nasir to sever all ties between Africa and the Zionist enemy. Each day, Patrice [as heard] Ghali goes off to an African country. He goes to a different African state every week or month. He convinces them, begs them to restore relations with the Zionist enemy so Egypt will not be the only African country to have renewed its ties with this enemy. That's a fact.

We contacted and presented strong protests to those African states that restored relations with the Zionist enemy. They said: No, this was done at the request of Egypt, the largest Arab state. Egypt is located on the Palestinian border. It asked us to renew our ties with the Zionist enemy.

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Egypt wants the Arabs to recognize the Israeli enemy as it did. This is Egypt's role now; it is trying to convince the Arabs to establish relations with the enemy and abandon the Palestinian question so the Arabs themselves will disappear. If we recognize the Israelis and save ourselves, good; but once they have been recognized, the Israelis will still have atomic weapons and will continue to expand. The Arabs and the Arab homeland will be swallowed up and destroyed, and on its ruins a Zionist empire will be established from the ocean to the Gulf. If recognition alone were the price of our continued existence! However, we will not remain on this earth no matter how many of us recognize the enemy, for the enemy is determined to Judaize North Africa, to reach the Euphrates and the Nile, to take the rivers from this region and seize its water resources, and to leave the Arabs to live like red Indians.

If the Arabs want to implement the joint defense treaty, it should not be done solely against Iran. They should apply it against the United States, which attacked an Arab country; and against France and the United States, which are now fighting an Arab state, Libya. The document should be used against the Israelis, who have occupied Palestine, an Arab state; and against Britain, which participated in NATO's assault on Libya. In addition, it should be applied against Italy, which has joined the ban against Libya and deliberately forgotten its interests in the Arab world; and against France over Chad, which opposes Libya. Then we should apply it against Iran.

Very well, if the Arabs put the joint defense treaty into effect against the Israelis, the United States, Britain, France, and Italy, we will agree and sign as proof that we accept the list, which will have Iran on the last line. We will then give our consent to employ the treaty against Iran. We are certain, though, that the Arabs will not fight the United States or the Israelis, and thus we realize our terms are impossible. We will agree to implement the joint defense treaty against Iran only if it is also used against the United States, the Israelis, the English, and the French. If the Arabs fight these states, including Iran, we will be with them.

Moreover, the process of suspicious contacts began immediately after this conference was announced. These contacts raised hundreds of questions. U.S. Secretary of State Shuwaltuz [pejorative Arabic term meaning "tail"] visited the Arab countries and went into action. Then the U.S. secretary of defense made his move and toured several Arab countries, followed by the energy secretary, who did the same thing. Then there were the congressional delegations. At that point, King Husayn slid off the ice in Finland, down to Egypt, Britain, and the place where the donkeys are tied [reference to Oman]. All these dubious visits would make any nationalist, any revolutionary, and anyone who does not want to disgrace himself, and who wants to preserve his revolutionary ideology before the masses, refuse to attend this summit.

If we trace the moves made by King Husayn after his announcement of this conference, we will have a great many questions. If we follow the visits of Americans to the region after the same announcement, we will also have a great many questions. [Words indistinct] I do not feel there is any need for further questions.

Morocco

King Receives Iraqi President's Envoy, Message
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[Text] His Majesty King Hassan II received Sa'dun Shakir Mahmud, member of the RCC and Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's envoy to his majesty the king, at the royal palace in Fes at noon today.

At the end of the audience the Iraqi envoy made a statement to newsmen which said in part:

[Begin recording] (?I delivered) a message from his excellency the president to his majesty which discussed conditions in the area, particularly matters touching on the convening of the upcoming Arab summit conference. A discussion also took place on regional affairs and the Iraq-Iran war. [end recording]

The meeting was attended by his majesty's advisers Ahmed Reda Guedira and Ahmed Bensouda. It was also attended by the Iraqi ambassador to Morocco.